

## CONTACTS

<b>Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services:</b>	The Rector Rev. Nick Clarke. Tel 07842 192402, revnickclarke@gmail.com
<b>1st Sunday 11.00am Cafe church in All Saints Hall</b>	
<b>2nd Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion</b>	The Vicarage, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE
<b>3rd Sunday 11.00am Morning Praise</b>	website: www.hamhillchurches.org
<b>4th Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion</b>	
<b>2nd and 4th Wednesdays 9.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	
<b>ALL SAINTS HALL BOOKING SECRETARY</b>	Ann Davison 07709 609488
<b>BOYS BRIGADE - Weekly - Thursday 6.00pm - 7.30pm (now at Martock Christian Fellowship)</b>	Ian Rumbelow 01935 881712
<b>BRIDGE CLUB - Weekly - Monday starting at 8.30pm (Working Mens Club)</b>	
<b>BROWNIES - Weekly - Every Tuesday during term time (Hamdon Youth &amp; Family Centre)</b>	Jackie Poole 01935 823606
<b>CRIME &amp; MYSTERY BOOK GROUP</b>	Kathy Smith 07366979178
<b>FLEXERCISE FOR FUN - At Oak Tree House every Monday at 2.30pm</b>	Di Ramsay 0845 6434702
<b>FOOTBALL - SENIOR TEAMS - Training Tuesday evenings 6.30pm. Matches weekend</b>	Steve Deane 07881 464280 email: stevekatherine@hotmail.co.uk
<b>FOOTBALL - YOUTH TEAMS - Training weekday evenings. Matches Saturdays &amp; Sundays</b>	Steve Arnold: stokefcchair@hotmail.com & John Elliott: stokefcsec@gmail.com 07775 562122
<b>FOOTPATHS - problems and issues contact the Parish Clerk</b>	Sarah Moore, Clerk 01935 822455
<b>GARDENING CLUB - Monthly - Fourth Wednesday 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)</b>	Secretary: sec.sshgardeningclub@gmail.com. Tel : 01935 823691
<b>HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK - VOLUNTEER RANGERS - Weekly Weds 9.50am-3.30pm (Ranger's Office)</b>	Paul McNeill 07973 887129
<b>HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE</b>	01935 822236
<b>HISTORY GROUP</b>	Carol Parker 825393
<b>LIGHTHOUSE CAFE - Monday 10.00am - 1.00pm</b>	Sarah Russell 826355
<b>MAY FAYRE - Annual Event for Sports &amp; Recreation Trust</b>	Denise Burton 827793
<b>MEDITATION GROUP - Tuesdays at 7.30pm at Priory Coffee</b>	Emma Herrod 01935 829443
<b>MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY</b>	bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com. Mary Steel 01935 508996
<b>PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm, The Hamdon Youth &amp; Family Centre</b>	Lyn Foley, Chairman 01935 83051
Website: stokesubhamdoncouncil.com	Sarah Moore, Clerk 01935 822455
<b>POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER</b>	Abby Linaker email: abby.linaker@avonandsomerset.police.uk
<b>POST OFFICE COUNTER (INSIDE STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP)</b>	
<b>OPENING TIMES Monday &amp; Friday 9.00am to 12 noon, Thursday 1.00pm to 4.00pm (excluding Bank Holidays)</b>	
<b>STOKE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION</b>	Derek Goad 01935 824337
<b>STOKE BABY &amp; TODDLER GROUP - Memorial Hall. Thurs.9.30am to 11.30am in term time</b>	carolyn_lefley@hotmail.com Facebook: @StokeBabyAndToddlerGroup
<b>STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP OPENING HOURS - Monday to Friday 8am - 4.30pm; Saturday 8am - 4pm; Sunday 8.30am - 12.30pm</b>	01935 509100
<b>STOKE LUNCH CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE. Lighthouse Café last Wednesday of the month.</b>	Lyn Foley 01935 823051/07714 005265
<b>STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND - Monday &amp; Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Castle School</b>	Gill Robins 01935 329904
<b>Training Band - To be arranged</b>	Jane Herbert 01460 419317
<b>STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP</b>	Jeanie 07967184952 or Moira: info@stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk
<b>STOKE WALKING GROUP, every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month</b>	Penny on 822208 or Mark 07496 148756
<b>TAEKWONDO &amp; LITTLE DRAGONS - Mondays 5.00pm - 5.30pm Little Dragons; 5.30pm - 6.15pm Taekwondo beginners; 6.15pm - 7.00pm Taekwondo Adults (Stanchester)</b>	Jennie Clark 07921 393425
<b>TINY TURRETS (Castle Primary School) - Foundation Stage Unit for children aged 2 - 4 years</b>	Castle Primary School Office 01935 822342
Two daily sessions 9.00am - 12 noon and 12 noon - 3pm. Extended provision available from 7.45am - 5.30pm ages 3+	
<b>TRIANGLE TRUST - Raising funds for Hamdon Medical Centre</b>	Jennie Harris 01935 881718
<b>VILLAGE AGENT - Cluster SS2 Cath Holloway</b>	cath@somersettrcc.org.uk Tel: 07968 521746
<b>VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP - Tuesdays 7.45pm - 9.45pm &amp; Friday 10.00am - 12 Noon (Memorial Hall) (during school term times only)</b>	Ali Dunford 01935 823394
<b>WORKING MENS CLUB - Daily - Lunch times &amp; evenings</b>	Mark Greaves 01935 823297
<b>YOUTH CLUB - Weekly - Monday 7.00pm at Hamdon Youth &amp; Family Centre</b>	Youth Worker Lou on 07402 987921 or email lou.chant@cyp.me.uk

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK: MRS. SARAH MOORE, 24 HIGH STREET, STOKE SUB HAMDON TA14 6PS  
TELEPHONE 01935 822455 E-MAIL: clerksshpc@hotmail.co.uk



## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

This month has not been a quiet one, the new Councillors have been busy learning the ropes and attending online teaching sessions around Finance, Planning and what it means to be a counsellor. We have been actively working with organisations in the village to talk to them about how we can work together. This has reaped benefits already as the councillors have highlighted areas in which we may be able to help.

Following the Parish meeting on the 25th of July, the community have highlighted areas they would like your Parish Council to look at. We have no formal Parish Council meeting in August; however, the councillors will be working hard on your behalf to collate all the ideas, look at themes and we will hopefully have an idea on a way forward. It is with YOUR suggestions in mind, that our work is informed, so if you were unable to attend the meeting, please don't think you have missed your opportunity to express your ideas. One of the ways you can help is by talking to your councillors, or to write your suggestions down and send them by email or handwritten letter. Help us to help the community we are listening

**Lyn Foley**

**Chair of Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council**

## A BIG "THANK YOU" TO STONEHILL ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

I would like to pass on my thanks and gratitude to the allotment holders of Stonehill for clearing the overgrown ground. It has taken a lot of hard graft to cut it down. I think your community spirit is Brilliant, and I thank you for your time and engagement in talking to me.

For anyone wanting to work an allotment on Stonehill or Furlands then please get in touch with Sarah Moore the Parish clerk. There are several plots available.

## MEMORIAL HALL

We are looking for new volunteers to help with the administration of our village hall, not only to ensure it is used to its full potential for the benefit of the local community but to take forward some of our exciting projects, such as a kitchen renovation. Whether you could spare a few minutes or a few hours a month, we would love you to join us. It is rewarding and enjoyable. There is lots to learn and we have fun too! For more information give me a ring: Jill 01935 829513 (Treasurer).

Our hall is used regularly by a broad selection of local groups: art, baby and toddlers, exercise, fitness and ballet, the gardening group and the Wessex Big Band. The contact details for all these groups are on our website: <http://www.stokememorialhall.co.uk> at the bottom of the Diary page. (With thanks to Stable Design for hosting our website).

It is also a popular place for children's parties, often with bouncy castles, and other types of events such as craft fairs, coffee mornings, charity fundraising and not forgetting the Stoke Performing Arts Group.

To enquire, please contact the Bookings Secretary: [bookings.stokememorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.stokememorialhall@gmail.com) or phone 01935 508996

## PART-TIME CLEANER REQUIRED

After much organisation I am pleased to announce that The Sports and Recreation Trust need a part-time cleaner to clean the pavilion on the Recreation Ground. This will be for 3 hours per week, split 1½ hours on a Friday and 1½ hours on a Monday. Materials and equipment provided. £10/hour paid on receipt of an invoice. Contact Peter Hulett 01935 824784 or [peter.hulett@hotmail.com](mailto:peter.hulett@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

Articles for the Newsletter, or to advertise forthcoming events: please email or post to Sarah Moore by 16<sup>th</sup> of previous month. Contact information is on the bottom of the back page of this newsletter.

## FOSTERING IN SOMERSET



There are children in your community who urgently need local foster homes, to allow them to continue attending their current school or college and maintain stability in their lives.

Anyone over the age of 21 can be a foster carer, and there is no upper age limit – we have carers of all ages, from 21 all the way up to 80 years old. What matters most is that you have the time and patience to support a vulnerable young person in care.

In return, you'll receive a weekly fee and allowance, as well as ongoing support from a dedicated Supervising Social Worker (for example, Mr. Smith fosters 9-year-old Theo, and his 15-year-old sister. He receives £376.82 per week in allowances and £181.80 per week in fees).

You'll also need a spare room, but you do not need to be a homeowner. You can foster if you are private renting or living in a Council or Housing Association property, and we may be able to discuss the possibility of a larger property with Homefinder if you don't currently have a spare room.

For more information on fostering, please call 0800 587 9900 for an informal chat with our friendly team, or visit [www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk](http://www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk)

## AFTERNOON TEA CLUB

### Bus Trip to Sidmouth

Well, what can I say, we had a wonderful time on the trip. We had lunch at the Balfour Arms and then took the bus to the sea front. The weather was lovely, ice cream, shopping and people watching were the order of the afternoon. One brave person even went for a swim!

This trip was organised by Lisa Wenborn and Sue Wright who had spent hours of their time researching the trip. It was also, in part, funded by Somerset Community Fund (a grant I received in 2019) and by the village Sports and Recreation Trust. A big thank you to all involved it was so lovely to see all the smiling faces.

If you would like to come and take part in this club, then please contact me. We run it every two weeks on a Wednesday afternoon.

Lyn Foley, Afternoon Tea Club Coordinator, 01935 823051

## SUMMER FETE

Unfortunately, we picked the very worst day in July to hold our Summer Fete enduring rain for the greatest part of the day! Despite the dreadful weather, we still managed to make a profit of around £1,400 which was brilliant and thanks to those of you who braved the elements to support us.

We are so grateful to everyone who helped us set up, those that volunteered on our stalls and in the kitchen, as well as all the lovely people who made cakes for us to sell on the day and contributed Tombola prizes. Also, a special thank you must go to Sharon Purnell for making such an amazing cake for us to raffle; this was won by Val Stokes!

Denise Burton, Events Coordinator for the Sports & Recreation Trust

## STOKE WALKING GROUP

The Stoke Walking Group is affiliated with the National Health Walk Programme and provides guided walks, in our beautiful local area. Walks are undertaken by trained walk leaders on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. The walks start and end at the Lighthouse Café, providing an opportunity for tea and a chat with fellow walkers afterwards. Dress for the weather, stout footwear is recommended. Well behaved dogs on leads are also welcome.

August Walks: An extra, longer walk of 4 to 6 miles is offered on Monday, 1st August at 10am.

The regular 90-minute walks take place on Monday, 8th August and Monday, 22nd August at 10am.

## STOKE CHARITY SHOP

### Your Charity Shop Needs You

Stoke Charity Shop operates entirely through the dedication of our volunteers. This includes the executive committee as well as the volunteers who work in the shop. After many years of devoted service two members of the current committee will not be seeking re-election at the next AGM on the 5th of September. There are 5 positions up for election to the Committee: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Volunteers Coordinator and Events Coordinator. Our Shop has enjoyed considerable success over the last 10 years, providing thousands of pounds during that time to Stoke Sub Hamdon Sports and Recreation Trust toward local projects and grant awards to local groups and individuals. Your help is needed to ensure the Charity Shop continues to thrive. A summary of Roles and Responsibilities, along with Nomination forms is available at the Shop. You are invited to speak to any one of the current committee members to find out more.

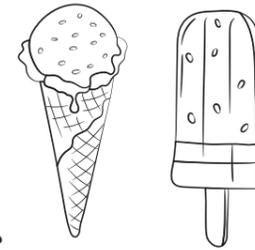
**Donations:** A leaflet is now available in the Charity Shop that describes the types of donations we are able to accept and those, which for health, hygiene or safety reasons we cannot accept. You are welcome to pick up a copy at the shop during opening hours Monday to Saturday 9am to 3:30pm. Closed on Wednesdays.

**Events for Your Diary:** An end of Season Half-Price Sale will be held from 5th to 17th September. A Jumble Sale is planned for October with more information available in the September/October newsletter.

## STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

**August Bank Holiday opening times:** We're open from 8am to 1pm on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August. There will be no Post Office counter services on this day.

**Keep cool:** We stock a wide range of ice creams, ice lollies and frozen desserts as well as chilled fruit drinks, sodas, coffees and teas, so pop in for some thirst-quenching summer treats.



### Shop local: Why travel further?

As your award-winning village convenience store, we do our best to stock a wide range of goods and to keep prices as competitive as possible... so why not pop in and discover what we have to offer? Open seven days a week, we're within easy walking distance of most of the village and offer services including a Post Office counter three times a week, newspaper and magazine ordering and saves, and daily orders and deliveries of fresh bread, pastries, cakes and filled rolls from Bakery Roy-Al. We also offer bio refills, organic, vegan and gluten-free produce – and a whole lot more!

**Get involved:** Join our friendly volunteer team: Stoke Community Shop is run by the village, for the village. But we can't run it without our wonderful volunteers. If you've some time to spare, please give us a thought. Shifts usually last about three hours with varied tasks on the shop floor and in the storeroom. And you can opt to do as many – or as few – as you choose. We particularly need volunteers to cover the Saturday afternoon shift. If you'd like to give us a hand, simply pop by the shop and speak to one of the team, or email [volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk). You can also find out more at [stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering](http://stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering)

**Home deliveries:** We continue to make free home deliveries to villagers who are unable to get out and about. If you'd like a home delivery, call us with your order on 01935 509100 between 9am and 2pm on weekdays and we'll arrange same day or next-day delivery.

For more information about the shop and how you can get involved, visit [stokeshop.co.uk](http://stokeshop.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop](https://www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop)

## STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTISTS AND SOUTH SOMERSET OIL PAINTERS

### AUTUMN ART EXHIBITION

We are pleased to announce that Stoke sub Hamdon Village Artist Group and South Somerset Oil Painters are coming together to hold an exhibition of their members' work. Come and be amazed at the artistic talent in your very midst on view on Saturday 8th October 2022, in the Memorial Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon. Some of the art will be for sale and refreshments will be available from 11.00am -16.00 hrs. Spruce up your living room wall with a new painting.

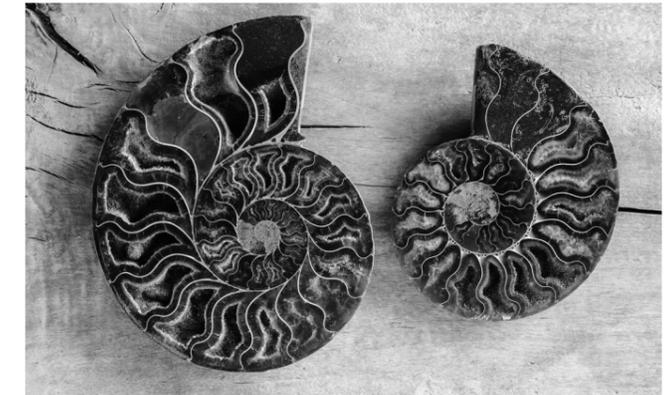
Malcolm Uhlhorn, 01935 829513

## STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

There's no formal meeting in August, but on Wednesday 28th September there's a talk on: "Gardens of the Rich and Famous"! Do come along to find out more - new members always welcome, and your first visit is free.

Plant sales; Raffle; Refreshments. Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall; doors open 7.15 p.m. Enquiries: Club Secretary – [secsshgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:secsshgardeningclub@gmail.com)

## BRING AND SHARE YOUR HAMSTONE FOSSILS



Do you have any fossils that you've found in the local area? Stoke sub Hamdon based artist Carolyn Lefley is working on a new project and would like to invite local people to get involved. Bring your Hamstone fossils along for Carolyn to photograph in her pop-up still life photography studio at the ranger's hut. She is making a multimedia piece in which these photographs will be incorporated. The final work will be displayed in St Mary's church, Stoke sub Hamdon, as part of Somerset Art Works 'Sanctuary' Festival in September.

Free, drop-in event on Saturday 13th August, 10am - 1pm at the Ham Hill rangers' hut. For more information telephone 01935 824195.

<https://somerseartworks.org.uk/artweeks22carolyn/>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August	
1st	Stoke Walking Group
8th	Stoke Walking Group
13th	'Hamstone Fossils' Drop-In Event
22nd	Stoke Walking Group
September	
5th	Charity Shop AGM
5th – 17th	Charity Shop Half Price Sale
28th	Gardening Club Talk
October	
8th	Village Artist Group & South Somerset Oil Painters Autumn Exhibition